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A method of pre-processing class files comprising: determining a plurality of duplicated elements in a plurality of class

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forming a shared table containing said phurality of duplicated elements; removing said duplicated elements from said plurality of class files to create a plurality of reduced class files; and

forming a multi-class file comprising said plurality of reduced class files and said shared table.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

computing an individual memory allocation requirement for each of said plurality of reduced class files;

computing a total memory allocation requirement for said plurality of class files from said individual memory allocation requirement of each of said plurality of reduced class files; and

storing said total memory allocation requirement in said multi-class file.

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